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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of

Charlotte Persson

Group Art Unit: 3761

Application No.: 10/009,601

Examiner: KARIN M REICHLE

Filing Date: March 6, 2002

Confirmation No.: 4210

Title: ABSORBENT ARTICLE THAT CONTAINS AN ACTIVE ADDITIVE AND USE OF A VISUAL INDICATOR IN AN ABSORBENT ARTICLE

AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.

Terminal Disclaimer(s) and the \$65.00 (2814) \$130.00 (1814) fee per Disclaimer due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are also enclosed.

Also enclosed is/are _____

Small entity status is hereby claimed.

Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the \$395.00 (2801) \$790.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).

Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments not be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified above.

Applicant(s) previously submitted _____

on _____, for which continued examination is requested.

Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least _____, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.

A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also enclosed.

No additional claim fee is required.

An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below.

AMENDED CLAIMS					
	No. of Claims	Highest No. of Claims Previously Paid For	Extra Claims	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims		MINUS =	0	x \$50.00 (1202) =	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims		MINUS =	0	x \$200.00 (1201) =	\$ 0.00
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$360.00 (1203)					
Total Claim Amendment Fee					
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity Status claimed - subtract 50% of Total Claim Amendment Fee					
TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					

A check in the amount of _____ is enclosed for the fee due.

Charge _____ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

Charge _____ to credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

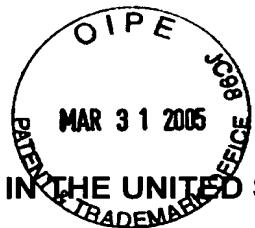
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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliance mailed on March 21, 2005,
please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Please replace the Abstract with the following amended Abstract:

Active additive substances in absorbent articles, such as sanitary napkins, panty liners, tampons, incontinence protectors and diapers, often have limited durability, and have been found to lose their properties and their activity when handled unfavourably. Thus, it is important to be able to determine the activity status of the active additive substance when the absorbent article is used and handled. ~~The present invention relates to an~~ An absorbent article that includes at least one active additive substance and that also ~~comprises~~ includes a visual indicator which gives an indication of the activity status of the ~~said~~ active additive substance.